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1. ING. ADOLFO CARDOSO GUANI WAS SWORN IN AS THE NEW MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY ON AUGUST 13. THIS APPOINTMENT FILLS THE LAST, AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT, SLOTS IN THE GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION SCHEME ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT BORDABERRY IN LATE JUNE (SEE REFTEL). FORMERLY THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, THE POST BECAME VACANT WHEN MINISTER ETCHEVERRY STIRLING WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON JULY 12. SINCE THAT TIME MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE VEGH VILLEGAS HAS FILLED THE POSITION AS ACTING MINISTER. CONTINUING HIS PAST PRACTICE N, PRESIDENT BORDABERRY HAS BROUGHT TO HIS CABINET STILL ANOTHER TECHNICIAN, RATHER THAN A POLITICIAN, THUS FURTHER FORTIFYING HIS ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TASK OF CARRYING OUT ECONOMIC REFORMS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT
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THE NEW MINISTER WILL SHORTLY PROPOSE A CANDIDATE TO FILL

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THE VACANT UNDER SECRETARY POSITION IN HIS MINISTRY.

2. CARDOSO, A MEMBER OF URUGUAY'S UPPER CLASS, WAS
BORN APRIL 29, 1915, IN MONTEVIDEO OF WEALTHY PARENTS.
HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ISABEL VIVO BONOMI AND THEY
HAVE FOUR CHILDREN: ISABEL MARGARITA, ADOLFO, LUIS
EDUARDO AND PABLO ANDRES. HE STUDIED AT THE NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY, RECEIVING A CIVIL ENGINEERING DEGREE IN 1942.

3. CARDOSO JOINED THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND LABOR
IN 1942 AS AN ENGINEER AND EARLY IN HIS CAREER WAS INVOLVED
IN VARIOUS WAR-TIME LOGISTICS ACTIVITIES REQUIRING TRAVEL
ABROAD. HE LATER HELPED TO DRAW UP THE MIN
DL Y'S
INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY OF MANUFACTURERS OPERATING IN URUGUAY.
CALLED UPON BY THE GOVERNMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO
PERFORM IMPORTANT TASKS, HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE FREE TRADE ZONES COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION AND AS
A BOARD MEMBER ON THE TAX REFUND COMMISSION. FOR MANY
YEARS HE HAS BEEN A DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY.

4. IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AS OWNER OF A CONSTRUCTION
ENTERPRISE, HE WAS A PIONEER IN CONDOMINIUM CONSTRUCTION
IN URUGUAY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE FORMED AND DIRECTED
VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATIONS.
CARDOSO ALSO TAUGHT MATHEMATICS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS
FOR MANY YEARS.

5. ALTHOUGH NOT ACTIVE POLITICALLY, CARDOSO IS KNOWN
TO BE A SUPPORTER OF THE BLANCO PARTY.
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